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JINÉ MARONEY, MBA, RT(R)(T), CMPE '08



Jiné began her journey by earning an Associate's Degree as part of the second graduating class from FMCC's Radiologic Technology program in 2008. She continued her education at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, earning a Bachelor of Professional Studies in Radiation Therapy, and later completed her Master's Degree in Business Administration with a focus on Healthcare Management from Fitchburg State University. She is currently enrolled in the Doctoral Program for Business Administration with a focus in Project Management at Liberty University.

Jiné is deeply committed to the oncology community, actively participating in educational and professional development opportunities. She contributes to the field through her involvement with global organizations like the American Association of Physicists in Medicine, where she provides clinical support and training for Ukrainian physicists. Her work has been published in Radiation Oncology News for Administrators, and she has spoken at prestigious events such as ASTRO and RTANYS. Additionally, she serves on the Board of Directors for the National Society for Radiation Oncology Administrators and actively engages with various healthcare organizations, including MGMA, through committee work and leadership roles. "FMCC opened my eyes to what my future could be. The choices I made there shaped the course of my life," Jiné reflects. Jiné is the Radiation Oncology Manager at St. Mary's Healthcare Tesiero Cancer Center. She resides in Amsterdam with her husband, Shaun and their daughter, Ailish.

GET TO KNOW JINÉ MARONEY - FUN FACTS

Favorite Color: Black

"Zombie" by the Cranberries Favorite Song:

Favorite Band/singer: Janis Joplin Favorite Food and/or restaurant:

Favorite sport and/or sports team: Is Shopping considered a sport?

"Labyrinth" Favorite movie and/or tv show: First car owned: Hyundai S Coupe

Eckerd Pharmacy—Amsterdam NY First job:

Finnegan Riley (our kitty) Pets and/or favorite animal:

I have an affinity for Victorian period homes Favorite pastime/hobby:

Restorations and Design

Something on your bucket list: RV across the nation as a retiree with my husband Variety of things, walk, out to eat, spend time with Something you do to unwind:

family, watch a movie, read a book

My parents

I simply cannot choose! I think every person I have Most interesting person you've met:

ever met possess something wonderful and interesting

about them !

South Africa Sabi Sands Game Reserve Favorite place to visit/vacation: Archeologist

Who or what did you want to be

when growing up:

Person you most admire:

Three things you MUST have if

deserted on an island:

A book, a comfy chaise lounge, and then after the book, a boat to get away.

Favorite quote or words of wisdom: "You must believe in yourself, if you don't, no one

else will."

PROGRAM

WELCOME

Briana Wilson Student Senate Association Representative E.C.A. Student Board of Directors

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

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Rick & Mary-Fox Frasier

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

Jiné Maroney, MBA, RT(R)(T), CMPE '08 Brent Phetteplace '92 Jenny Rulison-Fisch '03

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Jerry Ryan

RICK AND MARY-FOX FRASIER



Rick and Mary currently reside in Fonda, New York and have been happily married for 22 years. They enjoy spending time with their blended family. Together, they share the joy of family outings with Rick's four children and ten grandchildren. They are both passionate about traveling and cherish their family adventures.

Mary is a retired educator with over 23 years of experience specializing in supporting individuals with learning and behavioral needs. Mary holds a



Master of Science in Education from the College of Saint Rose, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude, and was inducted into prestigious honor societies such as Delta Epsilon Sigma and Kappa Gamma Pi. Before that, she transferred from Fulton Montgomery Community College, earning honors with membership in Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Alpha Upsilon Chapter.

Beyond her teaching career, Mary has been deeply committed to community service. She has volunteered with various organizations, including Fulton Montgomery Cooperative Extension, Catholic Charities, The Foundation of Fulton-Montgomery Community College, The Miracle-Ear Foundation, and The Family Counseling Center. Her dedication to making a difference extends to participating in both local and national fundraising efforts.

Rick was born and raised as a Dairy Farmer in Fulton County New York. At the age of 26, he answered a blind ad in the paper for a Hearing Aid Dispenser. Within a year and a half, he became one of Miracle-Ear's top consultants in the country. By time he was 30, Rick had started what we know today as Frasier Enterprises Inc., operating forty Hearing Aid Dispensing offices throughout several Northeastern states.

Today Rick currently owns 600 full-time/part-time Hearing Aid Dispensing offices and oversees 1200 employees across 28 States. Frasier Enterprise Inc. has annual sales of \$300 mil. and is the largest franchise owner within the Miracle-Ear Corporation.

Even after 40 years of business, Rick still holds his Hearing Aid Dispensing license in New York and Massachusetts. He is Board Certified by the National Board for Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences, where he has been awarded the Hearing Review Professional Leadership award. Rick currently sits as the President of the Franchise Advisory Board of Miracle-Ear.



Support Our Multi-Purpose Athletic Turf Field Campaign!

Athletics are an important element of the community college experience for students at Fulton-Montgomery Community College (FM). If you're a student-athlete, you're developing long-term physical fitness practices, teamwork skills, leadership potential, and time management habits, all of which are crucial for success in college and beyond.

FM's athletic programs provide a pathway for student-athletes to transfer to fouryear universities and continue their athletic careers while pursuing a degree. For non-athletes and the community, the Raiders games provide a rallying point for building relationships and loyalty and enticing visitors from other areas of the state.

Fulton-Montgomery Community College has a long and proud history of athletic competition, and it's time to take the next step by upgrading our outdoor athletic fields. We are requesting funds to improve our outdoor athletic fields, with a goal of raising \$2.5 million. Donations to this project will have a broad educational and community impact and will help secure FM's future as a leader in community college athletics. Upgrading our athletic fields is an essential ingredient in the college's continued success, and you can be a part of the team making it happen with your contribution. Join us today!

Donate to the New Turf Field Campaign and give our student athletes the safe, modern environment they deserve. DONATE NOW.





Save the Date! FM's 31st Annual Golf Classic



Fox Run Golf Club Johnstown, NY

Thursday, May 22, 2025

Limited Space - Register Early!

Interested in being a Sponsor? We have several levels of Sponsorship Opportunities!

> Contact the Foundation Office at: (518) 736-FMCC (3622) x8020

BRENT PHETTEPLACE '92



Brent Phetteplace has been an Associate Broker at Judith Ann Realty for 31 years. Prior to that he was employed at Whiteco Metro-Communications in Latham for 2 years. He earned an Associates Degree in Plastics/Mechanical Technology from SUNY Morrisville, an Associates Degree in Business Administration from FMCC, and a BS in Economics from SUNY Oneonta.

Brent is active in his community and has served on the Amsterdam Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, St. Mary's Hospital Board of Trustees, Amsterdam Rotary, President of the Sarah Jane Sanford Home for Women, Scout Leader for Cub Scout Pack 101, Assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 48, Secretary for the Montgomery

County Industrial Development Agency, FMCC Foundation Board, served 20 years Town of Amsterdam Board of Assessment Review, Chairman of the Town of Amsterdam Planning Board for 3 years, currently Town Councilman Town of Amsterdam, and an active member of the Tribes Hill Fire Department and is the acting financial secretary. Brent is also the proud father of two Eagle Scouts!

Brent has received the Amsterdam Rotary Club's Rotarian of the Year Award, Montgomery County Office for the Aging Father Girzone Crystal Pillar of the Community Award, Boy Scouts of America Flint & Steel Award for Service, Herb Singer Community Service Award from the Chamber, and the THFD Herb Lansing Dedication to Department Award.

FMCC was a great stepping stone to forward my education and I had some great professors including Art Recesso and Andy DiNitto and many others! Brent resides in Hagaman with his wife Deborah Slezak Esq, son Samuel, daughter Kate, and son Luke.

GET TO KNOW BRENT PHETTEPLACE - FUN FACTS

Favorite Color: Red

Too Many to List Favorite Song: Favorite Band/singer: Too Many to List Weathervane Seafood Favorite Food and/or restaurant: Golf

Favorite sport and/or sports team:

Favorite movie and/or tv show: "Caddyshack" "Deadliest Catch"

Nissan Pulsar First car owned:

First iob: Antler's Country Club Golf Pro Shop All of them, they go to work everyday Pets and/or favorite animal: Metal Detecting & Archeology Favorite pastime/hobby:

Something on your bucket list: Trip to Alaska

Something you do to unwind: Walk the dogs Person you most admire: Richard Winters Most Interesting Person You've Met: John Miller Favorite place to visit/vacation: Maine

Who or what did you want to be

when growing up:

Three things you MUST have if

deserted on an island:

Favorite quote or words of wisdom:

Plastics Engineer

Metal Detector, Fishing Pole, Umbrella The Zen philosopher Basho once wrote "A flute

with no holes is not a flute, a donut with no holes

is a Danish"-Ty Webb

JENNY-RULISON FISCH '03



I am a lifelong resident of Fulton County. I graduated from Mayfield High School in 2002. During my senior year at Mayfield, I completed a full year of college at FMCC. I was Mayfield's first full time early admission student. I continued my degree at FMCC after high school graduation and graduated from FMCC with an Associate's Degree in Business Administration in 2003. I then continued on to the University at Albany and completed my Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing. I graduated from the University at Albany in 2005. The day after graduation I started my position at State Farm Insurance as a claim representative in the Malta operations center.

During my employment, State Farm offered a Masters program through Dowling College. I completed my Masters of Business Administration with a concentration in management and leadership in 2009. I continued to work at State Farm in Malta from May 2005 to December 2014. In January 2015, I opened my own State Farm agency in Vails Mills attached to Fritz's pizza. This coming year will be 10 years! I have been an active member of the Amsterdam Rotary Club since 2016 and have been on the board since 2019. I am a past Chamber ambassador for FMRCC. During my employment at State Farm, I completed three leadership speaking designations through Toastmasters International. I also completed my Associate in Claims through the Insurance Institute of America. My husband, Aaron and I have been married for 12 years and we have a two year old son Everett John Fisch.

GET TO KNOW IENNY RULISON-FISCH - FUN FACTS

Favorite Color: Pink

Favorite Song: Soulshine by Warren Haynes

Favorite Band/singer: Tori Amos Favorite Food and/or restaurant: Pasta

Favorite Food and/or restaurant: Pasta Favorite sport and/or sports team: None

Favorite movie and/or tv show: "Fried Green Tomatoes"

First car owned: 1986 Audi 5000CS that had no heat! Black with

leather interior.

First job: Babysitting 4 kids for \$ 1/an hour each, so, \$4/ hour

Pets and/or favorite animal: None Favorite pastime/hobby: Crafting

Something on your bucket list: I do not fly well, so visiting Europe if I can make it.

Something you do to unwind: Enjoy time with my family.

Person you most admire: Warren Buffet—still lives in the same house he

bought in 1958. Even though he is a billionaire he still lives a simple life and I admire people who don't act like they have a lot of money and are down to earth.

Most Interesting Person you've met: Not one particular person but my customers that have had a hardship in life and still able to persevere. I hear

a lot of stories. Key West

Favorite place to visit/vacation: Who or what did you want to be when growing up:

Three things you MUST have if

deserted on an island:

Favorite quote or words of wisdom:

Ballerina

Water, Food, Sunscreen "Enjoy life as it's precious"

2025 Distinguished Alumni Awards

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

For many, the road to lifetime achievement included study at FM. Each year, the College recognizes alumni who have achieved outstanding success and made a lasting impact on their community.

Please take a moment to nominate an FM alumnus whose commitment to excellence is a tribute to our fine academic standards. The recipients will be recognized at the Annual Awards Dinner in November 2025.

Candidates must have completed a minimum of two semesters at FM (a minimum of 24 credits), demonstrated achievement in their profession or business, and provided service in their community.

I wish to nominate:

Address:	
Telephone:	Email:
Employer:	
Please provide a brief	description of his/her achievements:
<u>*</u>	
My Name:	
My Name:	
My Name: Address:	

Nominations must be received by September 13, 2025. All completed applications will be reviewed by an independent judging panel. Thank you for your assistance.

Please leave completed form with the FM Foundation Office or:

Email: fund.dev@fmcc.suny.edu

Mail: 2805 State Highway 67, Johnstown, NY 12095

Phone: (518) 736-FMCC (3622), ext. 8020

PAST DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECIPIENTS



2007

Donna Gatto Fraley '67 Michael J. Pepe '78 Dr. Donald F. Staffo '66

2009

Michael J. Campos '66 Stephen M. Tomlinson '89 Lisa Queeney-Vadney '78

2011

Pierre Alric '66-'67 Angelo Graziane '75 James R. Landrio '80

2013

Tom DiMezza '75 Hon. Traci DiMezza '89 Trudy J. Venette '87

2015

Susanne Guttenberg '77 David Northrup '66

2017

Sue Nigra '87 Stan Kucel '75 Neal Packer '71

2019

Karyln LaBate '07 Daniel R. Richardson '97 Jeanne R. So '70 & '95

2022

Geoff Peck '87 Joel Bien-Aime '83

2008

John E. Jablonski '81 Mary Jane Balzano Paris '67 Faith Takes '77

2010

Michael Decker '81 Joseph Iannotti '86 John A. Monteiro '77 Rebecca Preston '98

<u>2012</u>

Alexa Barnoski Serfis, Ph.D. '86 Steven V. Serge '93 Albert V. Turo '72

<u> 2014</u>

Terri G. Easterly '97 Wally Hart '78, '82-'84 Dr. Erik D. Wert '92

2016

Dr. Emily Etzkorn '82-'86 Ambrose C. Schaffer '03 William T. Winsman '87

<u>2018</u>

Joel Chapin '78 Dr. Robert Kruger '72 David Schroeder '74

2021

Dr. Rev. Bonnie Orth '77 Roberta Winsman '10

2023

Joseph Semione '81 Kayla Henry '07

PAST CLOCK TOWER AWARD RECIPIENTS



2021 Johnstown Hospital Foundation

2022 Dr. Govind, Mrs. Jyothi Rao and Family

2023 Fenimore Asset Management

THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING



When planning my estate, I made FM a top priority. As a faculty member here, I have witnessed first-hand the tremendous impact that FM has on the lives of hardworking students who need and deserve a

helping hand-up, as opposed to a hand-out.

It is very reassuring for me to know that part of my legacy will help ensure that education and training at FM will continue to help so many people right here at home in Fulton and Montgomery Counties.

I also enjoy gifting to the College so I can witness the progress of the Foundation of FM, while still contributing to the College as a faculty member.

It is my honor and my privilege to support this institution. FM is an important part of my life, and I really believe the Foundation empowers the College to be the best it can be.

All the best, Laurence K. Zuckerman, CPA, MST Associate Professor, Department of Business Proud Member of FM's Foundation Board

